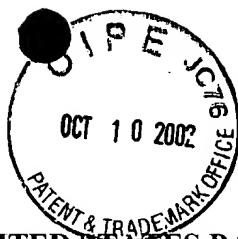


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In re Application of :
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For: OPTICAL FIBER COATING METHOD AND COATING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Reconsideration of the August 29, 2002 Office Action is requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 10-19

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. An optical fiber coating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said protrusion is shaped like a circular truncated cone.

3. An optical fiber coating apparatus for applying first and second coating resins as a laminate to the outer periphery of an optical fiber, said apparatus comprising:

a first coating die having a first die hole through which said optical fiber is inserted and a basically disk-shaped lower end face with a protrusion projecting in the passing direction of said optical fiber and formed around said first die hole, said first die hole and the outer periphery of